

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-CO-S010-2015-0023-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Tres Rios Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: COC-0-111218

Proposed Action Title/Type: HWY 141 Dry Creek Basin Culvert Maintenance Project

Location of Proposed Action: Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 15 West.

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to issue a short-term right-of-way (ROW) to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for them to construct the following:

CDOT will be installing a rigid-wall or flexible liner 107" HDPE pipe inside two existing 132" CMP's, 131 and 133.5 ft in length, to extend the life of the culverts. The inserted HDPE liners will be installed from either the inlet or outlet end using a hydraulic excavator and 20 ft. pipe segments. The excavator will push the liners into culverts while working from the roadway embankment when possible. The liners will be laid on the ground at the installation end and pedestrian traffic will assist with the liner installation process. Voids between the existing pipes and the new liners will be pressure grouted. The culvert will be shortened by ~10 ft. on both end and concrete headwalls and wingwalls will be installed on each end of the pipe to seal the new ends of the culvert liner. Channel grading will occur on both inlet and outlet ends of the culverts to promote drainage through both pipes. Currently only the northern pipe carries flow during normal conditions resulting in an incised channel and excess deposition of sediments. A rip rap apron will be installed at the pipe outlet.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: February 27, 2015

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

2.19 - Lands and Special Uses

Land Use and Access Authorizations

"The BLM issues authorizations for occupancy and use for a variety of private and commercial entities; as well as for local, state, tribal, and other federal agencies. This is accomplished through easements, ROWs, leases, and other instruments.....The BLM maintains and enhances public access to the lands identified for retention, as well as to other public lands where improved access meets resource and/or management needs. The BLM engages in cooperative management of private and commercial access needs (with private individuals, federal, state, and local agencies, and tribal governments) and encourage the formation of "road-user associations" where multiple users require access. All authorized uses on public lands are required, by law, to meet all applicable environmental protection measures. For all

proposed activities that have the potential for disturbance to lands and resources, a project design, prepared by the applicant, is required and is subject to full public environmental analysis, review, and, when necessary, appropriate monitoring.”

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with BLM Manual H-1790-1 National Environmental Policy Act Handbook:

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19. Issuance of short-term (3-years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the following extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

Yes	No	Exception
	X	Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.
	X	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principle drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.
	X	Have highly controversial environmental effects.
	X	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
	X	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
	X	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
	X	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
	X	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.
	X	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
	X	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, Local Government or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

I considered the staging of materials near an ephemeral stream and its potential impacts to the wetlands through which it passes. CDOT has acquired a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers authorizing them to operate within the project area. I also considered the temporary nature of their project and the time spent working outside of their approved highway right-of-way. The project should be finished by the end of FY16 according to CDOT engineering timelines. Any disturbance outside of the authorized road ROW will be reclaimed and the short-term ROW will be relinquished at the end of the project.

D. Signatures


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